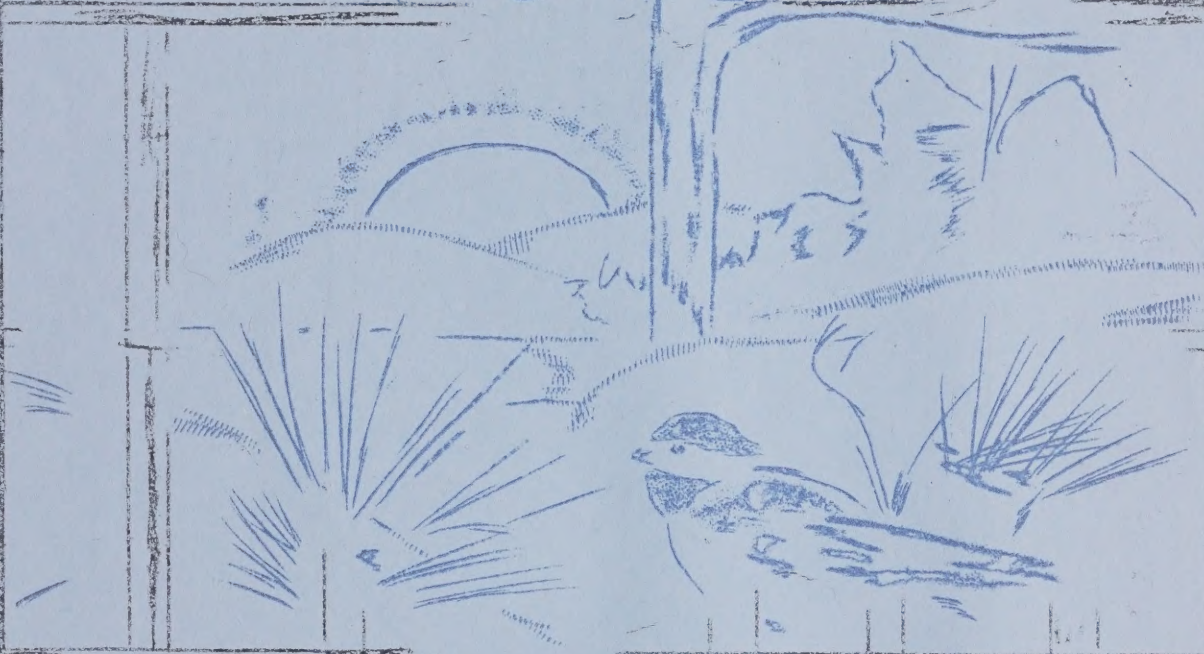


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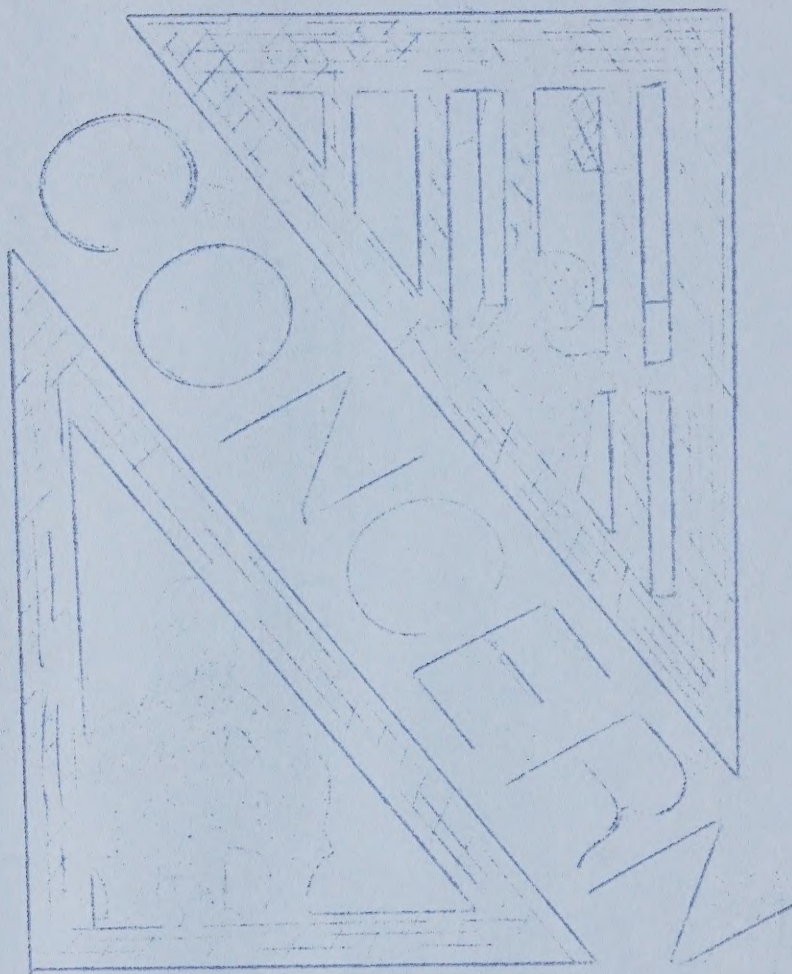
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That faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life

That the brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations,

That economic justice can best be won through free men through free enterprise,

That government should be of laws rather than of men,

That earth's greatest treasure lies in human personality

And that service to humanity is the best work of life.

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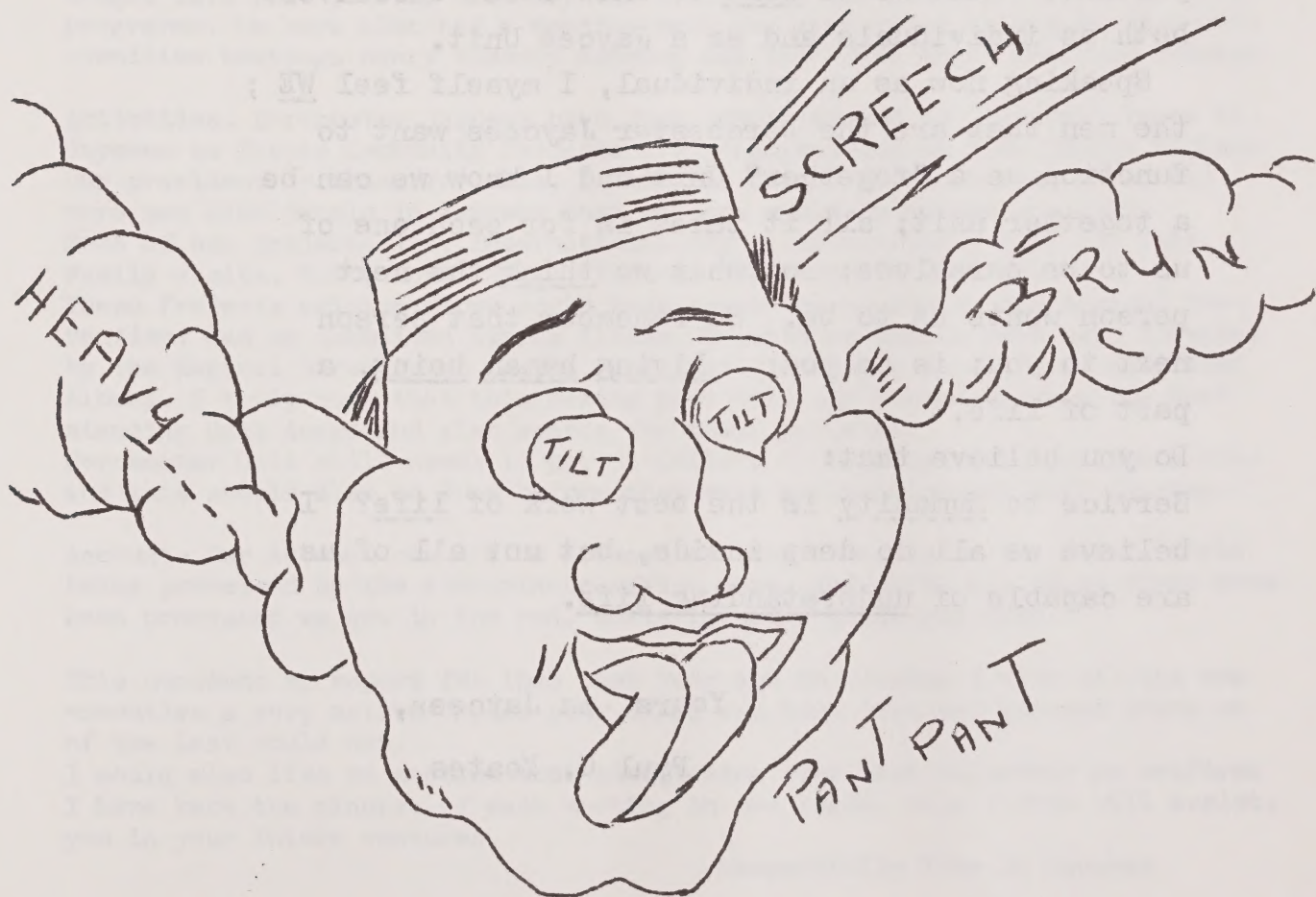
Dennis Chipman

***** Next month the Echo will announce the NEW executive.

"LET'S GO,GO,GO,DORCHESTER JAYCEES"

36-B.

You say?
And long hair?



FROM THE
VICE - PRESIDENT

With the Jaycee year coming to an end, it is time once again for the Dorchester Jaycee Unit to begin seriously thinking of the new year. Time to bring into focus the goals that will undoubtedly add meaning and purpose to our unit's existence. At the same time let's remember the year that has just passed us by. Let's not just think of the things we have achieved or the hassles, problems and whatever, that we ran into; but rather think back and ask ourselves questions like; "What did we learn from our Unit; and; "What do we know about ourselves ?" Most important; "What do we want to know about ourselves?" both as individuals and as a Jaycee Unit.

Speaking now as an individual, I myself feel WE ; the men that are the Dorchester Jaycees want to function as a "together" Unit and I know we can be a together unit; all it takes is for each one of us to be ourselves; not what we think the next person wants us to be. So remember that person next to you; is as you; a living human being, a part of life.

Do you believe that:

Service to Humanity is the best work of life? I believe we all do deep inside, but not all of us are capable of understanding life.

Yours in Jaycees,

Paul G. Yeates

SECRETARY - TREASURER
FINAL REPORT FOR 1973-74

Let me first start by thanking the Sussex Jaycees for the most pleasurable time spent by myself while in Jaycees last year, the International Forum was a very worth while and enlighting programme. Thanks also go out to the Kentville Unit for the well organized Convention May 17-18-19-20. I'm sure your unit well deserves the Unit of year award. Nice job Jaycees & Jaycetts..

Reginal Elections, Although I was nominated by both Dorchester and SpringHill Jaycees for the running of Reginal Director, it was decided at the Election that I was not able to run because of the Dorchester Jaycees being an Associate Unit, perhaps next year you will see my name once again on the Nominations forms. I do think that Units like ours that do not hold full chartership should have the same running right as any other unit in any regine, I'm thinking ahead to those units that may have not yet joined the organization and may have with-in there units the right member for reginal election, It is something to think about isn't it !

Membership- Dorchester has 69 payed members and out of that 69 only 36 could be looked upon as active members. International night is over and the good weather is arriving.

Training- Dorchester has a Leadership In Action Program on the agenda, Effective speaking may be handled by and with-in the Youth speak program, but this will be up to the new Executive. First-Aid was taught this past year by Ed. McKay the R.T.I. and our members partook in this programme. We have also had a meeting each and every week this past year with committee meetings every tuesday mornning and the Youth Speak Meetings Fridays.

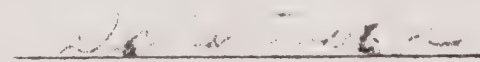
Activities. Dorchester Jaycees have just completed one of it's best Years in Jaycees as far as Community Projects are concerned and we have Donnie LeBlanc Our president to thank for this, Donnie has been a go getter and if we had more men like Donnie in Jaycees then we here would be number one unit. Some of our projects are, International night, Rock-A-Thon, Toys For Tots, Family visits, Echo, Youth Speak, Photos, NEEDY FAMILY PROJECT, These Projects written above could have taken the awards at the Reginal Convention, had we submitted Awards Albums, Dorchester should have been informed by the Reginal Director as to the fact that Dorchester should have submitted Albums. I truly hope that this coming year will see Dorchester win the Outstanding Unit award and also awards for their projects, Dorchester Unit still needs to pay 51 dollars to National for last years dues and this should also be done before they make application for Full Charter.

Account- Our account can not be accessed at this time due to the I.T.F. forms being processed by the accountance office here, and until all these forms have been processed we are in the red, thats in small print you note.

This concludes my report for this past year and in closing I wish all the new executive a very active Jaycee year ahead and hope that you succeed where we of the last could not.

I would also like to mention that since taking over last September as sec/trea I have kept the minutes of each meeting in one logue, this I hope will assist you in your future ventures.

Respectfully Your In Jaycees


David Mervyn Towler

DIRECTORS REPORT

General meeting, April 23, 1974.

We were honoured by the presence of several members of the Moncton and of the Amherst Jaycee Units. All of the guests contributed to a great length to make our weekly meeting much more pleasant and many forwarded comments which were highly appreciated.

Dean Pelton from the 'lets face it project' was also among our guests and he gave a very informative speech on ex-residents employment. The local members had many questions to ask and the answers given by Dean were most precise.

General Meeting, April 30, 1974.

At this meeting, Wayne Jones was our guest speaker and he informed us of the requirements to meet in order to obtain a full charter. Wayne gave us some very sound advice as how to achieve such a goal and make the most of it. We expected no less from Wayne.

General meeting, May 14, 1974.

Three teachers from Mount Allison University and Bob Ladamer from the National Training Institute visited us at this meeting. Although we would have like to hear all of our guests, the time limit allowed only Mr. Ken Adams and Bob Ladamer to the podium.

Mr. Adams mentioned having only vague ideas about life in prisons until he first read the "ECHO". Ken was here to explore the possibilities to implement a University course behind our walls. Such a project is most attractive to many of us and we would like to see it materialize.

Bob Ladamer explained the content of the courses offered by his Institute. The local members were quite interested in such courses and all possibilities will be investigated in a near future and we hope that the local administration will see the positive aspect of those courses and make them available to the population.

Yours in J. C.'s

Blair DeBaie

May, 15, 1974.

Report from external V.P.

We're in the process of putting up some "Dorchester Jaycees" road signs. Half of these signs are completed and when a new location is found to work on this project, the other half will follow suit. Then the business of acquiring permission from the Highway Department., or is it the D.O.T., to place these signs on the side of the road leading to the Dorchester Penitentiary. Each project we proceed on this unit brings into play its own set of obstacles to be overcome. Perhaps our roadsigns should carry the popular adage: ' We've come a long way baby. "

The Youth Speak people are very active these days and we only hear positive feedback from the school students who have hosted them. Some of the comments came to us by way of letters of thanks and appreciation from school staffs, students, and 'of late, parents of these young people have commented on what was brought home to them. At this point I echo the Youth Speak invitation to prisoners interested in this program and to schools and other prospective audiences, to get in touch with Youth Speak; it is a learning experience.

There was brief comment in the report of the International Night chairman about the question of interest and concern on the part of outside Jaycee Units and individuals; that is concern for and interest in men who are prisoners. There was evidence during the evening of April 27th (i.e. International Night) that many people will get involved if approached.

Also the guests at general meetings expressed themselves in a similar way. It is found that many are interested and would like to visit and correspond.

At the general meeting held on May 14th, we hosted three teachers from Mount Allison's Chemistry, Math., and Physics departments. Bob Latimer, from the National Training Institute of Truro, was also among our guests. This unit tries to have outside guests attend meetings as often as possible and it is, in some ways, an enlightening experience for everyone on these occasions. For instance; last evening, Bob Latimer made us aware of what the N.T.I. has to offer and hopefully, some of the men here will take the opportunity to participate in some of the human relations courses such as 'Transactional Analysis', should this program become available in Dorchester.

Chemist Ken Adams of Mount Allison discussed higher education with us and sounded for interest and feasibility of University courses becoming available to men in here. Opportunities of all sorts for culture and self development, which, incidently are always there for the seeker, are more and more openly beginning at Dorchester Pen. The Jaycees exort prisoners and public; 1, to get involved, 2-extend a hand, 3-follow your interests until capture.

And now for a theory.....

I have a theory about how the Dorchester Jaycees should proceed to expand their correspondence. We should begin to write more letters.

Yours Sincerly
Frank Oliver
External V.P.

International Night '74'

.... over, but not forgotten!

The Dorchester Jaycees held their annual INTERNATIONAL NIGHT event in the auditorium here at Dorchester Penitentiary on Saturday, April, 27th, 1974. Except for a few minor and isolated exceptions, the Jaycees recieved considerable cooperation from individules, groups and departments whose services were required and called upon. Being short of time for setting up the gym it was facinating to find so much voluntary cooperation in places where we didn't even think we had places. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. at which time approximately 115 outside visitors were already present.

Seated at the head table were; Dennis Chipman, Sandra Dalloway, Dean Pelton, Mr. J.L. Bennett; our guest speaker - Mr. Gunther, Wayne Jones and his wife Kaye; Paul Yeates and the chairman for the evening; Frank Oliver. The chairmans guest and Father McKee were absent at the call to order. (Father McKee had a very good reason and appeared later on in the event, while the chairmans guest was in B.C. at the time). There was a short Invocation by the chairman; Wayne Jones recited the Jaycee Creed and then everyone sat down and forgot to have the toast as was planned.

Mr. Bennett made his traditional welcome and spoke briefly about the work involved into the preperation for a functionsuch as the International Night event and commended the Dorchester Jaycees.

The President of the Dorchester Jaycees; Donnie LeBlanc, spoke after Mr. Bennett and welcomed everyone and extended best wishes to all for the evening. Paul Yeates the executive vice-president was the next to speak and he ran a few things down for us on behalf of the Jaycee Unit and on behalf of the population of Dorchester. Dean Pelton of Let's Face It, spoke from his experience about the needs of people leaving prisons and re-entering society. After a lengthy introduction, our guest speaker; Professor Peter Gunther; from the Economics dept. of Mt. Allis on, spoke on our present economic situation.

The buffet was announced next and we had a brief intermission prior to the Generation Gap; the first musical group to provide entertainment. During the intermission, the Hobby Display was promoted. Next; the Hard Times; another musical group; come on strong with a double set which took us up to 10:00 P.M. drawing to a close another Annual International Night for the Dorchester Jaycees.

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The chairman;and International night committee, circulated throughout the event and met many interesting(and interested) people during the evening and listened to the variety of comments and questions directed to them on various subjects related to the event. Both music groups were praised and especially the vocalists. Bob Boutlier as a fairly new singer did "A TREMENDOUS JOB; echoed the people. The fellows who operated the light show did a fine job and I have recieved written comments praising the lighting effects displayed on International Night. The buffet was excellent and the fellows who did this job for us are to be commended for their services. The Hobby display was good and our new hobby-officer picked up a few pointers for the next time. Many, "Thanks" go out from the committee to everyone who participated prior, during and after the Saturday night event. Special note of "Thanks" to everyone who helped in clearing up afterwards in preperation for Sunday recreation.

Men in prison today believe that more outside participation is needed. The kind of interest and concern for one-another, which was shared on April, 27th is the healing which is needed more frequently. It has been discovered that there are many people who would return if invited - others saying they would like to know how they can help. It has already been noticed that some of these people have followed up on these kind of comments. No-one was issueing maxims or miracle solutions to people in prisons, but there were ordinary folks offering to lend a hand. A small scouting party of Jaycees from Nova Scotia enjoyed themselves and asked if they could join us for one of our general meetings and correspond with us here. Some of these people need our help in certain ways and said as much.

Among our guests were a high school principal; and teachers; university students, nuns, jaycees, ex-cons, parolees, social workers, musicians, clerks, longshoremen, lawyers and all the moms and dads, brothers and sisters, wives and girlfriends and children who are concerned and care for the men in Dorchester.

International Night was truly an informal event. We may have been a little shy of sophistication and order, but the general impression is that it was a worthwhile evening and many little joys were found by ALL.

by - Frank Oliver
for - INTERNATIONAL
NIGHT
COMMITTEE

"There's



out there!

THIS SPACE RESERVED

..... for your comments .

Comments from a ~~member~~ of Amherst Jaycees, who, on April 23rd, attended our meeting.

" On this date nine members of the Amherst Jaycee Unit attended a meeting of the Jaycee unit at the Dorchester Penitentiary. Most of us were nervous when we first arrived, but we were so evidently welcome that we soon relaxed.

Personally, I gained a lot from this experience. My attitude towards convicts underwent a great change. These people are human beings and the old saying: " There but by the grace of God, go I." becomes startlingly clear.

The biggest area of concern of those men lies not in their treatment inside but in what they can expect when they come out.

I feel that we as a Jaycee unit on the outside should be able to find some means by which to help these men when they are returned to society.

L. M. Brown

Amherst Jaycee.

We were pleased to publish this letter from one of our readers and to make available to you the content of the letter Mss. Brown sent to us.

We hope that many other persons who come in contact with our unit will also be concerned enough to let us know of their opinions, whether those are favourable or not. We are open to criticisms if those are constructive, as well as to appraisal.

April, 29, 74

THE ECHO
DRAWER "A" DORCHESTER
NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA

I was at Dorchester on International Night, (April, 27, 74)
and recieved a copy of your publication the "ECHO".

The contents of your publication are very interesting and
they also answer some of the questions I have about your unit.

I would like to keep in touch with your unit and as a star-
ter am enclosing an application to the "ECHO".

Sincerly

John L. Wagner

(***** Thank you John and keep in touch, we will. - EDITOR -)

*****and to Mrs. Lillian Marshall, may we say "GOD BLESS YOU",
from all of us .

The
DORCHESTER JAYCES

DEPARTMENT OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL

** NEWS RELEASE **

For release: April, 16, 1974

TEN REGIONAL PAROLE BOARD

Solicitor General Warren Allmand today announced the appointment of the ten regional members of the National Parole Board.

Expansion of the board to 19 members extends the authority for granting parole and day parole to all parts of Canada and provides full-time representation of the Board's functions in the five population regions of the country. With the additional members, the parole board will be able to resume hearings of parole applications on a personal basis in federal institutions throughout Canada, a practice that had to be suspended in 1973 because of the work-load imposed on the nine Board members at Ottawa. The regional board members, who will work out of regional offices at Vancouver, Saskatoon, Kingston, Montreal and Moncton, also will help in dealing with the large volume of applications for day parole and foster communication with the public on the parole process.

The appointments by regions are: Atlantic Provinces: F. Hazen Smith, of Lower Newcastle, N.B., a former director of Dorchester Penitentiary who since 1967 has been director of occupational and social development of the Canadian Penitentiary Service at Ottawa; and Judge Gaétan S. Bertrand, Tracadie, N.B., judge of the family division of the New Brunswick Provincial Court and former R.C.M.P. officer.

Quebec: Mrs. Maryrose Lette, a Montreal criminologist who since 1970 has directed the activities of the Association de rencontres culturelles avec les Détenus (ARCAD); and Stephen Curran, Montreal, executive director of the John Howard Society of Quebec.

Ontario: Margaret Benson, Toronto criminologist who was staff psychologist at the Prison for Women, Kingston, and since 1966 has carried out research on women offenders and half-way houses as an associate of the Elizabeth Fry Society; and Donald Wall, Ottawa, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, who assisted in developing the concept that led to the establishment of the Ministry of the Solicitor General in 1966.

Prairie Provinces and the Northwest Territories: Pierre Jutras, Drunheller, recently retired director of Drunheller Institution; and Frank W. Anderson, of Calgary, a former offender who, after completing his sentence, obtained Bachelor of Arts and Master of Social Work degrees. Mr. Anderson has been active as a teacher and social worker in Calgary and now is publisher of books on the history of Western Canada.

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ATTENTION!

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READ THIS!

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FAMILY VISITS,
HERE IN DORCHESTER

On April, 21, 1974, another Family Visit was held in the community centre, here in Dorchester. Attending this event were almost 150 men, women and children; all of whom ~~are~~ related to men within this institution, whether they be wife parents sister brother; or closest of friend. All, attended this event because they wanted to. Few opportunities are available for the men incarcerated and their families and close friends to be permitted to enjoy one another's company. Family Visits is one of these available opportunities; at least for now.

It seems to me that the Family Visits Project has been one of the most constructive and beneficial projects to be initiated within this institution and I am certain, many others feel as I do about the Family Visits Project.

Recently the Family Visits Committee members were informed by the Dorchester Administration that the number of persons attending past Family Visits had been exceeding the number of persons that they (the administration) had suggested. (One-hundred: (100) men, women and children). Even more recently the Administration suggested; if the planned visit for May, 26, 1974, exceeds a total number of: one-hundred and twenty-five people; (both incoming visitors and residents of Dorchester) there is a great possibility of future Family Visits being: Un-approved. My first reaction to this possibility of Family Visits being stopped was one of utmost concern and now that I think about this possibility even more, I am shocked that our most constructive program within this institution is in danger of being discontinued just because too many people wish to involve themselves with their husbands, sons, brothers and dear friends; all who are men confined within the walls of this Institution.

Now that I have taken the time to place this piece on Family Visits within this issue of the Echo; "Why, you may ask, did I do so. Why indeed! I just expressed my concern where it can be seen in black and white. I'm now asking; "Are you concerned? If so let's get together and save the Family Visits Project before it's too late.

P G Yeates
for F V C

Air Pollution.

We will not bore the reader with another complaint about smoke and smog; our problem is of a different nature and spread during some radio broadcasts.

Recently the content of a news broadcast made me wonder how a 'supposedly intelligent individual' a chief of police in a locality of the maritimes region, could expect the Canadian nation and its elected representatives to endorse eugenism and mass murder.

Other men before him resorted to such practices, some were wearing uniforms, others were not. The one who did it on a large scale thirty years ago had Hitler for name and was sought by many nations when Americans and Russians entered Berlin.

In England Dr. A. Carrel preached eugenism to Parliament but was coldly stared down to silence by anyone who had brain.

Back in time, we can hear Plato and Socrates attempting something similar but they also failed.-It is to be noted that the latter was feeding his philosophy to a group of idle and wealthy young men whose fortune would never force them to suicide if they had lost any intellectual or physical capacities.-

There is a superficial difference between Plato and our chief of police; the first planned death of men through projected social conditioning, the second, having a gun instead of Plato's intelligence, wants to use bullets. The idea is not new, Mussolini put it into practice in Sicily when "Families" from the island refused to support him in a political campaign. Other fascists of one breed or another also fell into insanity and mass murder.

The uniform dressed character we refer to in this article publicly said, in essence; 'All those convicted of homicide and serious offences should be shot,.....' Brilliant! Such is the product of one of cogitations of a man who has tremendous power over his fellow citizens. From a practical point of view, a superficial look at his publicized decubations may appear economically sound, especially if we keep in mind a recent law amendment which requested a minimum of twenty-five years of incarceration for all those convicted of homicide. At the actual cost of incarceration, one quarter of a million dollars will be spent by tax-payers for each 'lifer' before any possibility of being released.

Such sum is astronomical and we would be inclined to agree with the adding machine logic of our chief of police if we were only made of metal parts and were lacking the necessary components to be HUMAN.

Much has been said about the social handicap of those who take to crime as a way out of slums. Tons of books have been written on the ever present possibility of errors during trials. Errors which would result in the death of an innocent if the 'Chief' and his followers had their way. Beside the possibility of errors, let us have a look at the possibility of frame-ups. Although I must state my belief that it is definitively not a common practice from the police, there were cases, such questionable actions were proven. In the W. Coffin's case for instance; it is common knowledge that at least one private investigator died violently while he tried to rehabilitate the memory of a hanged man he knew to be innocent of the crime he was legally murdered for. Another private investigator who also tried to investigate the case was safely put into an asylum and released only after being told and having promised to be 'reasonable' if released.

Common knowledge also the fact that, in the late sixties, Dave Hall, a F.B.I. agent was proven guilty of bombing several occupied houses in Tucson; this in order to activate a gang war. Two other persons involved in the bombing testified that Hall tried to get an alledged gang leader killed. Of course, no charges were laid against him and his accomplices were fined only \$268.00 for 'misdemeanour'.

The two previous examples support our conviction that no system can be perfect and that, with death as a result of errors or plots, our society cannot afford the nonsense of capital punishment.

Nonsense also the idea of retaliating by cold blood murder to a homicide, which in most cases is committed under passion and by persons closely related to the victim.

Legal murder would be the first step toward the progressive elimination of the unprivileged portion of the society. Far fetched? I do not think so; those who have wealth usually end-up with a reduction of charge when accused of homicide and are sentenced to a few years of detention for manslaughter. Foreseeing the elimination of a class is not excessive for no one can tell where the legal killing would stop if those who preach bullet justice had a free hand.

...failed them, and to become positive social capital.

The initial money input required to implement such program may be substantial but it should not disturb anyone who can see ahead. A lower rate of recidivism, thousands of families supported by inmates instead of living on welfare hand-overs which are very costly due to administrative expenses. The tax-payers will soon see how beneficial such programs would be, for them as well as for the inmates involved. What may appear to be expenditure will prove to be a money saving project.

As you probably noticed, we were careful not to drift away from the economical aspect of the venture and avoided to talk extensively of humanism, this because we felt that our chief of police may be completely lost when confronted with a word which obviously has no meaning to him. We left the ethical humanitarianism aspect to the millions of Canadians who are still packing intelligence and soul instead of only a .38 caliber.

J.L.

Love And Addiction

Love is giving yourself to another
Addiction is giving yourself to a thing
Love is caring about your brother
Addiction is to dance on the peddler's string
Love is rewarding and it is warm and it is healing
Addiction is wrong, it is cold, and it kills
Love is living with no double dealings
Addiction is sweating it out with cold chills.

So if it is love that we got,
 who needs pot?
And if it's love we find,
Who needs to blow his mind?
With a little help from God above,
We could turn on the world with love.

** Les Chaisson.

ENERGY CRISIS?

As I sit here in my cell listening to the radio, the prices of everything from cigarettes to housing continues rising higher; higher and HIGHER. Where will it all end, I wonder? Are we really living in a money hungry world? It seems to me, the POOR, working man is keeping the rich man, Rich! Meanwhile his labour continues on even though he remains poor. One day the poor man was fed-up; he steals and gets caught. The law sends him to jail. How long?..... One day he is released; he can't find a job; he can't find himself. Why? Again he steals! He gets caught! Back to Prison.....
...for more Rehabilitation? Build up more bitterness; frustrations and dream about that big-one. The score that sets him up for life. No more labour; not when he's rich. Rehabilitation? Finally he is released. Again no job; no help; no love. Nothing but a money hungry world. Time for the big-one. Something goes wrong. Someone gets hurt. Someone loses their life. The Poor man is more than sorry. He is sent back to prison for LIFE! To die slowly? Now he is in prison. He is trying to help make Right; his wrong; but now the Energy Crisis. The money. Prices have risen so high; the government can't afford to keep him, feed him, clothe him; or help him. So what takes place???; A policeman; another man another, HUMAN BEING; says to the people..... "Save an extra bullet for his head". Line him against a wall and shoot him dead. What is society really coming to?? Is that really how the RICH-man feels?? Let us; the POOR-man, pray, not.

submitted for print
by: DON LEIL

" In the news
.... but not yet in print! "

WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO:

.....the Youth Speak Project here at Dorchester.....?
Come on fellows; let's start displaying our progress
where everyone can have a look-see...in the ECHO...
.....Wayne?...Bob?.....

.....an article on the ENCOUNTER sessions. Your Editor
had the pleasure of attending one of these sessions on
May, 10, 1974 (and so did a lot of other fellows that I
know, who could write up a pretty good article on this
project.) I'm certain there are many of our ECHO read-
ers who would also like to find another Good article
such as one on ENCOUNTER within the Echo too.....
...ROGER?.....???...anyone?

.....the article promised on April, 2, 1974 by one of
our very welcomed guest (at a generall meeting) on the
UNISON group from Halifax. I'll call upon you for the
answer; Barb?....We'd love to hear from you.

★... notice the star Dennis! It's for you....IF!.....!
...if we see you (in person) say...next Tuesday-night
at the meeting.....Mr. Chipman??

★ ★...That's right Dean; two of them for you.... when
the ECHO prints your article. LET'S FACE IT; (IT' WORTH
IT) ..project!

***Before you all start picking up from here, and swamp
us with letters, I wish to take this opportunity to say :
" Special THANKS to J.L. (better know as Jean LeBlanc)
for his articles; and help on the Echo staff. We're happy
to have you with us Jean (I should have said fortunate, al-
so); and to the others on the staff; Ernie Bowser and Don-
nie LeBlanc; many thanks for helping make the ECHO as go-
od as it is. To all of our contributors I also extend
sincere Thanks from all the Echo staff to each of you.
Until next month; (black; 1½ sugar Jean...Ernie...??)

- EDITOR -

THE HANGING

'It has been decided that the law must be allowed to take its course.'

The Law Speaks:

I bind the Soul that fathered me;
I am the Law, and resolute
Against the growing of the Soul,
I hang, behead, electrocute.

I take my course. How fine the day!
And all are here by duty stirred,
Hangman and prisoner, warden and press,
And Jesus with the Holy Word.

I am the Law. May order rule!
My warrant let the warden read,
Then all with proper decency
Will to our lifted stage proceed.

How fine the day! The happy sun
Beams into corridor and square
To cheer our prisoner and bless
The purpose of our altar there.

Our footsteps on the sunny stones
Beat to the pulse of earth and star;
The law that drives yon budding tree
Condemned our prisoner at its bar.

Let Jesus hold his trembling arm
And stand beside him to the end
(He loves these opportunities
To function as experienced friend.)

Now, hangman, use your cunning well,
And hide his face that none may see
The anguish of his tortured soul.
I take my course, let these things be.

Come, Jesus, speak your little prayer
And when 'Deliver Us' is said,
Then, hangman, draw the gliding bolt
And give our brother air to tread.

'Our Father,' sound the gracious words,
'Thy will be done,'- and all the rest-
(I hope our poor delivered friend
Had time to note the subtle jest).

He shoots into the opened dark,
His soul is torn through narrow ways.
I take my course. I only see
A straightened rope that trembling sways.

I bind the Soul that fathered me;
I am the Law, and resolute
AGAINST THE GROWING OF THE SOUL,
I hang, behead, electrocute.

A thought for you written
by one of our great Canadians,
J.E.H. MacDonald. 1873-1932.

FOR A GREATER PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

The Canadian association of social workers requested from the government the abrogation of article 43 of the criminal code which reads as follow: " Any educator, father, mother, or any person replacing the father or the mother is authorized to use force to correct a pupil or a child, in accordance with the case under his care, providing that the force used does not exceed a reasonable measure, under given circumstances." In a letter addressed to Justice Minister Otto Lang, the 5,000 members of the association expressed surprise that contemporary laws allows parents to ' beat' children. The executive director of the association, M.A.J.F. Grey, stated that the interpretation of the said article is so wide that it is often open to abuse in the force used to correct the child, ~~whether~~ it is at home, school or in an institution of rehabilitation.

Report Of Cases.

Mr. Grey explained that the abuse of force against children was a most serious problem in Canada and that it has serious implications because children having suffered from physical abuses tend to become abusive parents.

M. Grey said that it was very difficult to determine with precision the extend of the problem, because the majority of the cases were not reported to the authorities, hospitals being very reluctant to antagonize guilty parents.

Only Alberta has mechanisms requesting the report of all such cases, M. Grey invited all other provinces to imitate the example given by the government of Alberta.

In conclusion, the association invited the Canadian Government to interdict the practice of ~~punishment~~ in schools and in institution of reeducation. "Canada must make a particular effort to protect and cultivate the greatest of its resources, the children," stated the letter from the association. ***

We heartily agree with M. Grey and feel safe to state that most inmates who ever resort to violence came from families where punches, kicks, and other abuses were standard practices and too often the only way of communication used by parents.

Readers should keep in mind that such abuses by parents and teachers always result in socially unacceptable imprinting and in a wide range of personality disorders for the children. Disorders which will keep such children from functioning normally in society by cheating them out of their potential. We fail to see how a child can have a clear vision of the world and the opportunities it offers if he has developed the habit of moving around keeping his head down and his shoulders rounded from fear of blows. The same cliché applies to mental attitude and is, at least, very distressing.

As we often did in the past, we urge the tax-payers to demand that government put more emphasis on crime prevention and cease wasting money on costly retaliatory measures which keep men and boys in prisons for years.

By supporting the Association Of Social Workers, Canada Jaycees can take a meaningful step toward a truly Just Society.

J.L.

Bonne Entente.

The advantages of living with two cultures
Strike one at every turn,
Especially when one finds a notice in an office building:
"This elevator will not run on Ascension Day;"
Or reads in the 'Montreal Star':
"Tomorrow being the feast of the Immaculate Conception,
There will be no collection of garbage in the city";
Or sees on the restaurant menu the bilingual dish:

Deep Apple Pie

Tarte aux pommes profondes.

(Taken from the Oxford Book
of CANADIAN VERSE)

F.R. SCOTT.

WHO AM I?
WHAT AM I?

Who am I; what am I.....?

I am a man;a body with a mind;an emotion.

I am a being.I am all of these and more.I am life!

Who am I; what am I.....?

Once they called me an unborn child;then I was born
so they called me Paul for a long time.One day they
decided to call me a law-breaker;9108 was the number
they used for this name.I thought there was no more
till one day they called me ex-con.

Who am I; what am I.....?

Today they call me all of these;and more,they think
they know who or what I am. They call me Paul,they
call me inmate,they call me a law-breaker;soon they
will again call me an ex-con. They call me all of
these and more.

Who am I; what am I.....?

I am love,I am hate; I am happiness,I am sorrow;
I am truth,I am lie; I am all of these and more.

I am life!

Who am I; what am I.....?

I am a smile,I am a tear; I am courage,I am fear;

I am all of these and more. I am life!

Who am I; what am I.....?

I am,ME!

I am life!

Who are they; what are they.....?

They are as I; another ME!

I am LIFE!

They are LIFE!

We are LIFE!

written for print
by - Paul G.Yeates

Dear Mom,

This morning when I awoke I had the strangest feeling come over me. I felt as if I was a young boy all over again, and that it made no difference whether or not I got up and made my bed before leaving my room.

I had the last worry about it because I knew my loving mom always made my bed for me. So, bursting with youthful energy, I jumped out of bed, swiftly pulled on my pants and shirt then sprinted for the door of my room with the intention of running downstairs to see what we were going to have for breakfast.

Regretfully now, I only made it as far as the door of my room because something horrible happened there. It stunned me so badly that I could not think for a long time. I just couldn't believe it really happened to me.

Mom! The door of my room was
"locked"!

I yanked at it, I kicked it, and
prayed for it to open but it would
not budge.

I just could not believe it Mom, I
was actually locked, in a room no
bigger than the bathroom we have at
home.

I'd like to write more Mom but all
I can think of is that door. It
even keeps innocent thoughts from
entering my mind.

Your loving son

Submitted for print

by: P.G. Yeates

May I ask if ----



We'll
look into
it!



SOCRATES--JUSTICE, AND OUR TIME.

Something to argue about.

To avoid abusing of the readers' patience, in the cliché I will make of our modern SSsociety, I shall refrain from giving Socrates' Polomarchus' dialogue, as offered to us by Plato in his "Republic", in its whole. The argument is already well introduced when, along with the reader, we will give it our attention.

(.....If we are to follow those analogies, Socrates, justice would be rendering services to friends and to harm enemies. So Simonides means by justice doing good to friends and harm to enemies?

-I think so.

And in matters of health, who would be the most competent to treat friends and enemies in that way?

- A physician.

And on voyage as regards to the dangers of the sea?

- A ship's captain.

In what sphere of action, then, will the just man be the most competent to do harm or good?

- In war I should imagine; when he is fighting on the side of his friends and against his enemies.

I see. But when we are well and staying on shore, the doctor and the ship's captain are of no use to us.

- True.

Is it also true that the just man is useless when we are not at war?

- I should not say that.

So justice has its uses in peace-time also?

- Yes.

Like farming, which is useful for producing **crops**, or shoemaking, which is useful for providing us with shoes. Can you tell me for what purposes justice is useful or profitable in time of peace?

- For matters of business, Socrates.

In a partnership, you mean?

- Yes.

But if we are playing draughts, or laying bricks, or making music, will the just man be as good and helpful a partner as an expert draught-player or a builder, or a musician?

- No.

Then in what kind of partnership will he be more helpful?

-Where money is involved, I suppose.

Except, perhaps, Folemarchus, when we are putting our money to some use. If we are buying or selling a horse, a judge of horses would be a better partner or if we are dealing in ships, a shipwright or a sea-captain.

- I suppose so.

Well, when will the just man be specially useful in handling out money?

-When we want to deposit it for safe-keeping.

When the money is to lie idle in fact?

- Yes.

So justice begins to be useful only when our money is out of use?

-Perhaps so.

And in the same way, I suppose, if a pruning-knife is to be used, or a shield or a lyre, then a wine-dresser, or a soldier, or a musician will be of service; but justice is helpful only when these things are to be kept safe. In fact, justice is never of any use in using things; it becomes useful when they are useless.

- That seems to follow.

If that is so, my friend, justice can hardly be a thing of much value. And here is another point; in boxing or fighting of any sort skill in dealing blows goes with skill of keeping them off; and the same doctor that can keep us from disease would also be clever at producing it by stealth; or again, a general will be good at keeping his army safe, if he can also cheat the enemy and steal his plans and dispositions. So a man who is expert in keeping things will always make an expert thief.

- Apparently.

The just man, then, being good at keeping money safe, will also be good at stealing it.

- That seems to be the conclusion at any rate.

So the just man turns out to be a kind of a thief. You must have learnt that from Homer, who showed his predilection for Odysseus'

grandfather Autolycus by remarking that he surpassed all men in and perjury. Justice according to you and Homer and Simonides, turns out to help a friend or harm an enemy. That was what you meant? - Good God no, he protested; but I have forgotten now what I did mean. -----(The argument now becomes more serious. Polemarchus, though puzzled, clings to the belief that it must be right to help friends and harm enemies. This was the traditional maxim of Greek morality, never doubted until Socrates denied it: no one had ever said that we ought to do good, or even refrain from doing harm, to them that hate us. Socrates' denial rests on his principle, later adopted by the Stoics, that the only thing that is good in itself is the goodness, virtue, well-being of the human soul. THE ONLY WAY REALLY TO INJURE A MAN IS TO MAKE HIM A WORSE MAN. THIS CANNOT BE THE FUNCTION OF

Which do you mean by a man's friends and enemies- those whom he believes to be good honest people and the reverse, or those who really are, though they may not seem so?

- Naturally his loves and hates depend on what he believes.

But don't people often mistake an honest man for a rogue, or a rogue for an honest man; in which case they regard good people as enemies and bad people as friends?

- No doubt.

But, all the same, it would be right for them to help the rogue and to injure the good man?

- Apparently.

And yet a good man is one who is not given to doing wrong.

- True.

According to your account, then, it is right to ill-treat a man who does no wrong.

- No, no, Socrates,; that can't be sound doctrine.

It must be the wrongdoers, then, that it is right to injure, and the honest that are to be helped.

- That sounds better.

Then, Polemarchus, the conclusion will be that for a bad judge of character it will often be right to injure friends, when they really are rogues, and to help his enemies when they are really honest men- the exact opposite of what we took Simonides to mean.

- That certainly does follow, he said. We must shift our ground.

Perhaps our definition of friends and enemies was wrong.

I think that is perfectly true Socrates.

So it was not a wise saying that justice is giving every man his due, if that means that harm is due from the just man to his enemies, as well as to help his friends.

That is not true; because we have found that it is **never** right to harm anyone.

- I agree.

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Do you know, I think that account of justice as helping friends and harming enemies MUST BE DUE TO SOME DESPOTS, SO RICH AND POWERFUL THAT THAT THEY THOUGHT THEY COULD DO AS THEY LIKED- someone like Periander, (Nixon, the jail builders, the reactionary turn-keys and M.P.s., the head-games fans and the rest of that crowd which is in urgent need of rehabilitation).

- This is extremely probable.

Very good said I; and now that we have disposed of that definition of 'anticipated' justice, can anyone suggest another.....?

Perhaps the readers will want to discuss certain topics in our next issue, which they are most welcome to do.

J.L.

ABOUT UNISON

When Unison was first founded by an L.I.P. grant, they started taking groups of women and their families to Dorchester and Springhill institution. Unison offered to help these families in any way they could. — A few months later, the women started to meet once a month and now a meeting takes place every two weeks. We have guest speakers once a month dealing with such — things as Provincial Assistance, Legal procedures, parole conditions and sentencing. We are also learning to cope with our financial and personal problems, preparing ourselves for the homecoming of our husbands, boy-friends and relatives; and are also trying to understand the pressures that the men have to face upon release to Society.

Since many of you are part of our lives, we want to become aware of the many social problems that you encounter during your presence in prison and also upon your release — family difficulties, communicating, plans for your release, lack of employment, etc. Since we share these problems with you, we want to overcome them with you.

If any of you men have wives or relatives that would be interested in joining us or need transportation to Springhill or Dorchester, please call us.

This group is known as "CONCERN".

For information call: UNISON
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HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

***** STELLA ROBERTS *****

*"They're" with us fellows so lets help them, help us.

-Editor-

WHAT CONCERN IS:

It is what we; you and I; the men who are incarcerated within these walls; wanted for a long time. Believe me, when they say they want to help us they truly mean it. I feel safe saying they do care for us and our families; these people have been helping me and my family to a great extent during the past year. I also know that if one was to sit down and write them a letter voicing his, or his family problems he will likely have evidence of the genuine concern of these people. They will happily help him in any possible way.

So, if you wish to establish meaningful contacts all that is required from you is a pen, a sheet of paper, and a minimum of initiative and confidence.

It is only assumed that nobody will even try to give us the help we need. If in doubt, why not take it upon yourself to drop them a line explaining your problems and see for yourself if these people are as concerned as you.

- by E. Bowser

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WHAT CONCERN IS ALL ABOUT

- 1- Helping the family apply for financial help.
- 2- Information regarding legal assistance.
- 3- Arranging co-operative trips to Springhill and Dorchester Institutions.
- 4- Encouraging women to take an active role in the husband's parole temporary absence applications by understanding the procedure, preparing the family for his release, organizing employment opportunities for him.
- 5- Having speakers at meetings dealing with problems that members of CONCERN encounter.
- 6- To bring wives and families together in a self-help group where they can become aware and discuss problems common to each other.
- 7- Attending court with the family in a supportive role (if wanted).
- 8- Encouraging employment or further education, upgrading, etc., for wives and girlfriends as a means of becoming self-sufficient while the husband is incarcerated.
- 9- To encourage communication between family members through "CONCERN" and "UNISON" so marriages can continue throughout the prison term.

NOTICE.

.....OUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE ENERGY CRISIS.....

A RECYCLED COVER FROM THE PREVIOUS ISSUE OF THE "ECHO".

WE ALSO HAVE TO OPERATE WITH A VERY LOW BUDGET,
A NINETEEN*SOMETHING GESTETNER,
TRAINED ON THE JOB STAFF,
DAMP PAPER,
CHEAP BALL POINT FOR STENCIL WORK,
POOR LIGHT SYSTEM,
AND BIG BROTHER WATCHING US ALL THE TIME.
BUT WE STILL MANAGE BECAUSE THE OFFICE HAS
BEEN SO COLD SINCE A WEEK THAT WE HAVE NOTHING
BUT FRESH IDEAS.

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